

certain restrictions on a carrier's provision of incentives, including the prohibition that participation in the wellness program be a condition of coverage.

House Bill 157, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 714.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 714

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Prohibited Discrimination and Rebates – Incentives for Participation in Wellness Programs and Other Exceptions

FOR the purpose of providing that it is not discrimination or a rebate under certain insurance laws for an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, ~~or~~ health maintenance organization, or dental plan organization to provide reasonable incentives to an individual who is an insured, subscriber, or member for participation in a bona fide wellness program offered by the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, ~~or~~ health maintenance organization, or dental plan organization under certain circumstances; requiring any incentive offered for participation in a bona fide wellness program to be reasonably related to the program; prohibiting the value of the incentive from exceeding a certain limit; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; applying certain exceptions to certain prohibitions against certain discrimination and rebates to health maintenance organizations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to exceptions to prohibitions against discrimination and rebates under insurance laws.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 19–706(jjj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 27–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)